



**Official Entry Form
U.S. Embassy Nassau
2015 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest**

“But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. And so, we’ve come to cash this check, a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice. But there is something that I must say to my people, who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice: In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline.” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. excerpt from the I Have A Dream speech on August 28, 1963.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. worked very hard to highlight the importance of equality and human rights for all regardless of race, gender, religion, ethnicity, disability, citizenship, socio-economic status, etc. He partnered with community leaders, government officials, schools and many others to ensure the fight for equality was a collaborative effort locally and nationally.

He recognized the importance of asking more from his country and its citizens. He focused a significant amount of his time holding individuals and institutions accountable for their actions and inactions.

What does “Equality and Human Rights for All” mean to you? What can you do to promote equality and human rights in your community and throughout The Bahamas?

This essay contest is open to youth residing in The Bahamas aged 15 – 18 years old currently enrolled in high school or a home school programme.

For full consideration, the following rules **MUST** be followed:

- All essays must be 500 words or less.
- The document must have 1 inch margins.
- Use 12-point Times New Roman font.
- The document must be double spaced.
- Entry form and essay must be submitted electronically to NassauPublicAffairs@state.gov as ONE attachment no later than **January 30, 2015 at 5:00 PM.**
- **Subject line of email must be YOUR NAME and TITLE of essay.**
- **Late submissions will not be considered.**

PLEASE TYPE YOUR RESPONSES

Student Information:

FIRST NAME:

LAST NAME:

Grade:

Your email address:

Title of essay:

Parent or Guardian's Information:

FIRST NAME:

LAST NAME:

Home Address:

City:

Island:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

School Information:

School Name:

City:

Island:

Principal's or Guidance Counselor's Name:

Email Address:

School Phone Number:

NAME:
ESSAY TITLE:

ESSAY: